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1 December 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, DCI/MAG

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FROM:

Executive Officer, OMS

SUBJECT:

Publicizing EAP Services

REFERENCE:

Memo from C/DCI/MAG to ExDir dated

2 October 1986, subject: The Agency's

HELP Program (ER 86-4534)

1. In response to your request, attached are copies of materials publicizing the EAP. The chronology of their appearance is as follows:

Fall 1984	Notice of EAP services to all employees
Fall 1984	EAP brochure enclosed with all paystubs
Summer 1985	EAP announcement of Breast Cancer Support Group
Fall 1985	Reminder notice on EAP to all employees
Fall 1985	EAP announcement of Parents Drug Support Group
Fall 1985	EAP telephone stickers included with all
	paystubs
Spring 1986	EAP poster in Headquarters and outbuildings
Spring 1986	Cable to all RMO's describing EAP services for
	overseas employees and family members
Spring 1986	DDO cable to field describing Agency services
	to families including EAP
Spring 1986	OMS Newsletter for all employees; lead article
	on OMS services for employees and families
	describes EAP in detail
Fall 1986	Agency poster in Headquarters and outbuildings
Spring 1986	Brochure will be included with paystubs again
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2. In addition to all the printed promotional materials, the EAP Coordinator did 72 presentations on the EAP to a total of 2,041 Agency employees during FY 1986. These presentations and promotional materials already have produced more clients than our current EAP resources can handle in a timely fashion.

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FROM:

Chairman, DCI/MAG

SUBJECT:

The Agency's HELP Program

- 1. The DCI MAG recently looked at the question of the Agency's HELP Program and whether any one was using it. It was suggested to the MAG that some employees might be nervous about telling Agency officials about personal problems out of fear that this might be damaging to their careers. One member of the MAG agreed to look into this issue, and I am forwarding her report to you because I think it is instructive.
- 2. The DCI/MAG has concluded that the HELP Program seems to be doing what was intended when it was established. Perhaps OMS might, at some point, publish a notice to employees informing them that a large number of employees are using the program. This might make others feel more comfortable about seeking HELP when they need it.

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29 September 1986

	MEMORANDUM FOR:	Chairman, DCI/MAG
25 X 1	FROM:	Member, DCI/MAG
	SUBJECT:	Findings on Employee Assistance Program
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- 1. As part of its focus on personnel issues related to employee retention and morale, the DCI/MAG recently looked into the Employee Assistance Program. While the EAP is relatively new and does not consist of a large staff, the MAG learned that it has achieved a considerable measure of success in providing assistance to employees with problems. Our specific findings are as follows:
- A. Background The FAP was founded in 1984 and is structurally part of the Office of Medical Services. Before the establishment of the EAP, employee problems were handled by the Drug/Alcohol Abuse Program and a Psychiatric Program. The EAP currently consists of three branches Counseling Branch, which does all of the referrals and consists of two counselors; Alcohol/Drug Program, which consists of three counselors; Fitness Program, which sets up diet programs or medical treatment. The FAP handles problems of both employees and dependents and uses both in-house and external resources. The employee incurs an expense only when external resources are used and, depending on the nature of the problem, the cost of treatment may be partially or entirely covered under the employee's health insurance program.
- B. Pecords and Referrals: While a natural suspicion exists among some Agency employees that seeking help from EAP would result in some sort of record in their personnel files, the FAP does not record in any official manner the fact that an employee is undergoing treatment for a problem. (Drug and Alcohol problems, however, are exceptions since they are security related.) Also, in a situation where the employee is treated by in-house resources, such as for psychiatric problems, a record is kept in the psychiatric file, not in the employee's official personnel file. Another point worthy of note is that the majority of FAP referrals are self-referrals. Management is aware of the employee's problem and treatment only if he/she gives written consent.
- C. <u>Publicity</u>: In the short time it has been in existence, the EAP has developed several methods to advertise its services. The most common source of information about FAP is word of mouth. The EAP also relies on posters displayed in Agency buildings, brochures, and presentations given to new employees and pertinent Agency courses/seminars.

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D. Statistics and Current Status: The FAP has	experienced
growth in terms of the number of employees who have used	<u>i</u> t s
services. In FY 1985 the Counseling Branch handled	referrals
and in FY 1986 the figure was At the present time	the most
common problem handled by the EAP is marital/family relat	
second most common is financial. In dealing with employe	e problems,
the FAP counselors routinely call individuals after appro	priate help
has been arranged to learn how the employee is progressin	g. This
follow up may also include sessions with the FAP counselo	r.

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2. In examining assistance programs available to Agency employees, the MAG found that employees are taking advantage of the EAP and that it provides a very useful service. As more employees learn of the EAP's existence, we anticipate an increase in its use.

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